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Response To Status Request

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Application Number: 10/041,890

Attorney Docket Number: 016026-9148

Examiner: Karen Lacourciere

Group Art Unit: 1635

This is a docketed new case-ready for examination. This case is #7 on the special new case assignment list. The <u>estimated</u> date of office action is the end of April 2003.

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In re

Patent Application of

Craig E. Smith, et al.

Application No. 10/041,890

Confirmation No.: 5555

Filed: January 7, 2002

Examiner: Karen Lacourciere

"METHODS AND KITS FOR ISOLATING BIOLOGICAL TARGET MATERIALS USING

SILICA MAGNETIC PARTICLES"

SECOND STATUS REQUEST

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants' attorneys respectfully request a report on the status of the above-identified application. A copy of the response to Applicants' first Status Request is also enclosed.

Applicants' attorneys have not received an action on the application.

Enclosed is a self-addressed, stamped envelope for the convenience of the Office in providing a status report to Applicants' attorneys.

Respectfully submitted,

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